

ON engagement

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Hello,

Understand Mike shared the enforcement narrative from TC but also pasted below.

Quick hit of engagement with ON today:

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- Ministers LeBlanc and Mendicino spoke to Premier Ford (Mendicino also spoke to ON Minister Sylvia Jones)
- DM Rob Stewart scheduled to speak to his ON counterpart today
- Michael spoke to the DM IGA in ON today
- commitment by ON to have Minister Jones participate in the tripartite meetings, starting today (per fed Ministers presser)
- collaboration on enforcement front (policing)
- joint FPT PS/TC meeting on Monday (encouraging all PTs to use their authorities to maximum extent possible)

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Louise

Some individuals involved in illegal activity as part of the demonstrations do not believe they are doing anything illegal and hence there will be no negative consequences for such actions. The opposite is true. The consequences could be severe.

Immediately adopting this strategy and communicating clearly and directly to protestors (and to Canadians) about the illegal activities at play – and their impact – could incent compliance and “peel off” some trucks once their owners realize the potential economic costs and risks.

The sequencing of messaging is important. The plan is for the following key messages to be used by federal, provincial and municipal leaders when local law enforcement is ready to take action and when there is a reasonable prospect for enforcement soon, while giving protestors time to comply.

- * Participating in lawful protests is a fundamental right in Canada. Breaking the law is not.
- * Blockades are forcing some factories to down tools and send workers home. They are interfering with their ability to earn a living and access

essential goods, including food from grocery stores. And they are making Canadians feel threatened in their homes and communities.

- * Those involved are breaking the law - from municipal bylaws to provincial highway traffic legislation to the *Criminal Code of Canada*.
- * Mischief, intimidation, obstructing police efforts, unnecessary use of horns, traffic infractions – these, and many other violations, are all punishable by law.
- * Commercial truck drivers involved in such unlawful and unsafe activities could face additional consequences, as there can be severe impacts for their commercial driver profiles and motor carrier safety ratings and therefore their ability to continue operating.
- * There will be due process and taken together, by participating in an illegal multi- day blockade, could have severe consequences for those involved including being arrested, a criminal record, impacting their drivers licence and insurance, and even seizure of their vehicles, through impound or otherwise.
- * Let me be perfectly clear: it is illegal to block highways, city streets, bridges and tunnels to intimidate or compel behaviour.
- * Know this: The authorities are empowered to lay charges and pursue enforcement action vigorously. Anyone involved in these illegal activities should consider themselves warned.